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FROM WASHINGTON.

[Special Despatch to the Chicago Tribune.]

WASHINGTON, April 4.

DEFICIENCE BILL.

The Committee of Conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the Deficiency Bill made their report to-day, and it was adopted in the Senate. It is all to be taken up in the House to-morrow, and probably will be agreed to without further delay. The appropriations for the outer cordon light at Cedar Point, Sandusky Bay, O., is fixed at $20,000. The appropriation of $1,000,000 for the payment for compensation and mileage of gouvernment commissioners and directors of various kinds, and for the Pacific Railroad Commissioners attending meetings in this city, and for the pay, subsistence and transportation of a surveying party on that route, is fixed at $1,000,000. The item of $50,000 for the purchase of the road from Sioux City, Iowa, to Fort Randall, Dakotah. The amount agreed upon for the payment of the contingent expenses of the United States Court House and Post Office at Indianapolis, Ind., and for paying the sidewalks in front of same, is $25,000. The offices of the Surveyor of the Port, Appraiser, Naval Officer, Collector, Assistant Treasurer, and Marshal of Bankrupt Court are all to be in the new building.

WORK FAMOUS.

The President issued orders for the pardon of seven persons yesterday. They were special cases, from several of the Southern States, under the 13th exception.

SR. JULIAN'S SOCIETY BILL.

Some days ago Mr. Julian introduced a bill granting a township of land, now reserved in the Military Committee, and which met the views of the Society of Friends, and others. The bill met with considerable objection to this bill was the supposition that it would involve the payment of $500,000, as estimated by the Pre-emption General and Present Mar-hal General Hall, and the Hon. Mr. Julian, Dr. Boyd, the Second Comptroller of the Treasury, has submitted to him a carefully prepared statement of the whole matter, which establishes the fact that the amount to satisfy the requirements of Mr. Julian's bill will be less than $100,000.

THE GOVERNMENT TAX IN ALABAMA.

The Free Press learns from the agent appointed at the Secretary of the Treasury that it is desirable that the State of Alabama and the Southern States should be allowed to assume and pay their proportion of direct taxes due from them, and that the President accords necessary legislation by Congress. The revenue laws assessed accrued estate by the act of Congress, and the collection of the proportion of Alabama being nearly $1,500,000.

PROCEEDINGS OF CONGRESS.

WASHINGTON, April 4.

SENATE.

Mr. WILSON introduced a joint resolution directing the Secretary of War to take steps for preserving the graves of Union soldiers from desecration, which was passed.

Mr. POMEROY introduced a joint resolution authorizing a board of inspectors to visit the National Military Academy, which was referred to the Military Committee.

Mr. CLARK, from the Judiciary Committee, reported back the House bill to amend the Statutes, in relation to habeas corpus.

Mr. HOWARD, from the Committee on the special committee of fifteen to be discharged from the further consideration of the plan of reconstruction recently submitted by the President, and that the resolutions introduced by him be referred to the Committee on Reconstruction, which was agreed to.

Mr. STEWART, from the Committee on the Public Lands, reported back the bill to provide for the survey of the public lands in Nebraska, with an amendment.

Mr. HOWARD called up the special order, being the bill to amend the act to establish the Freedmen's Bureau.

Mr. POMEROY moved to amend the bill by striking out the provision for the extension of the Freedmen's Bureau, and inserting a provision for the appointment of a commission to investigate the condition of the freedmen, and to report to Congress.

Mr. HOWARD opposed the amendment, and said that the bill was the outcome of the policy of reconstruction which was inaugurated by the late President Lincoln, and was continued by the present Executive. He was in favor of the bill, and hoped that it would be passed.

Mr. POMEROY said that he was in favor of the bill, but that the amendment was necessary to secure the passage of the bill.

Mr. HOWARD said that he was opposed to the amendment, as it would kill the bill

THE CHOLERA CONFERENCE.

Proceedings at Constantinople.

We have already announced the opening of the Cholera Conference at Constantinople, and the proposition to organize a system of quarantine for the Mediterranean. The following is a synopsis of the proceedings:

The Conference met at the Sublime Porte, under the presidency of Server Pasha, Minister of Foreign Affairs. Present—Count Corti, Italian Ambassador; Count Zichy, Austrian Ambassador; Mr. Goschen, English Ambassador; Count Hatzfeldt, German Ambassador; Mr. Outrey, French Ambassador; Count Ignatieff, Russian Ambassador; Mr. Wagner, Minister of Commerce; Mr. Blacque Bey, Director of the Ottoman Press Bureau; Dr. Mavroyeni Bey, Director-General of Sanitary Affairs; Dr. Marasli Bey, Director of Quarantine; Dr. Kalfa Effendi, Director of Sanitary Affairs; Dr. Ali Effendi, Director of Sanitary Affairs; Dr. Ali Effendi, Director of Sanitary Affairs; Dr. Ali

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...ames E. Scott, Solicitor of the Treasury, to be Principal Supervising Inspector of Steamboats

FROM INDIANAPOLIS.

Annual Convention of Knights Templar—Installation of Officers—Other Masonic Meetings.

[Special Despatch to the Chicago Tribune.]

INDIANAPOLIS, April 6.

The TWENTY-SECOND ANNUAL CONCLAVE of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Indiana, met here to-day, in session. So two days past at the Masonic Hall, on Washington street, in this city, and the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Sir Harvey G. Hunnicutt, of Lebanon, Grand Commander; Sir Thomas H. Blake, of Indianapolis, Deputy Grand Commander; Sir David P. Wheeler, of Fort Wayne, Grand Generalissimo; Sir Geo. W. Rivers, of Madison, Grand Captain General; Sir Chas. Fox, of Indianapolis, Grand Treasurer; Sir Wm. Hacker, of Indianapolis, Grand Recorder; Sir Wm. Hacker, of Indianapolis, Grand Prelate; Sir Wm. Wallace, of Crawfordsville, Grand Standard Bearer; Sir Wm. M. Porter, of New Albany, Grand Sword Bearer; Sir Wm. Hacker, of Indianapolis, Grand Warden; Sir Albert A. Wilson, of Indianapolis, Grand Captain of Guards.

The Grand Conclave adopted a resolution authorizing monthly issue of the Masonic Record, to consist of sixteen pages each issue. One new charter was granted for a Commandery at Knightstown. The Grand Conclave has lately been presented with Temple Hall, lately occupied by the Grand Lodge of Indiana, and Temple Hall, lately occupied by the Grand Commandery. The next meeting of the Grand Conclave will be held at Indianapolis in April next.

The Military Auditing Committee has closed out its business and adjourned sine die, the time for presenting claims having expired. A large number of claims, amounting to over $100,000, were filed, which must be over till the next session of the General Assembly.

The Judges of the Supreme Court are now in session at Chambers, and every day clearing up the docket at the rate of about ten cases each day.

The report of the Connecticut election gives the utmost satisfaction to the Republicans of this State. Hoosier must now either drink his words or go without a drink, which is a hard thing to do.

Julian is undoubtedly nominated for Congress in the 8th district, Gooding in the 9th district. The primary election will be held on next Monday.

The Old Tabernacle is being demolished and will be removed from the Court House square soon.

Governor Morton is still in New York and is not expected home before next week. His health has been worse of late, but is some better to-day.

Governor Hovey will review the Second Regiment of the Soldiers' Home Association, next week, on Wednesday, and on the evening of this day there will be a banquet, to entertain the strangers of the guard and a reunion for the Board of Directors of the Home, and meet at the State House to-morrow.

FROM MADISON.

The Recent Freshet in Wisconsin—Severe Damage to Railroads—Legislative.

[Special Despatch to the Chicago Tribune.]

MADISON, April 6.

Additional damage by freshet is reported. The nearly-subject bridge, on the Prairie du Chien branch of the Milwaukee & St. Paul road, is gone, and cannot be replaced for some weeks. The other damage has also been increased as yet, and probably there will be no trains this week west of here.

The steel arrived from the east this evening, having remained at the passenger depot all the week at Sagatoon. A train will probably go through to-morrow on the Milwaukee road, and on the Madison road. Nearly all trains are now running on the railroads in the State by freshet is estimated at a million and a half.

The bridges on Corbels are swept away, entirely, of course, and some other bridges are gone.

The Legislature is grinding away, though only about half the members are present daily. Assemblyman Hall presents.

In the Senate last night, bills were reported by the Committee on Benevolent Institutions, to appropriate to Trustees of the Insane Hospital to purchase a farm; to appropriate $5,000 for the support of the Deaf and Dumb Asylum; $50,000 for the support of the Institution for the Blind; $50,000 for the support of the Northern Hospital for the Insane; $50,000 for the support of the Southern Hospital for the Insane; $15,000 for the support of the Industrial School for Girls; $15,000 for the support of the Industrial School for Boys; $50,000 for the support of the Institution for Deaf Mutes